

Northlands

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Monthly newsletter for our friends and business partners!

Congressman Welch at Northlands

It was a rainy Saturday morning in Vergennes when U.S. Congressman Peter Welch (VT-AL) visited our campus on August 29, 2009. Students and staff gathered to welcome such a special guest, and a long time supporter of Job Corps program. Culinary Arts class prepared some finger food that we enjoyed while discussing the main elements



Rep. Welch with students at the Student Union

of Job Corps. Congressman was impressed by the skills of the students in Auto Technologies, and soon enough our students might be working on the Congressman's car!



Touring the Auto Technology shop with the students

"It was such an honor to meet Congressman Welch and tell him about Northlands" said the students after this unforgettable visit.



Rep. Welch with staff and students of Northlands

The best way to learn of Job Corps is definitely to visit the campus and talk to those who are in the focus of the entire program—our students. And that is precisely what Congressman Welch did. Students took him on a tour of the campus, showing him everything from the Student Union where they relax after classes, the Education Building, the career technical training shop for Auto Technologies, to the dormitory.

"This program is truly remarkable, and I admire your work" said the Congressman at the end of the visit. He left with a small gift: freshly baked cookies and a coffee mug, "for the Congressman also needs a moment to relax" as the students said.

And as this was not enough, another excellent news followed : one of students from Northlands Job Corps Academy will have the extraordinary opportunity to shadow in Congressman's office in Washington, DC later on this month!

Joe's Dreams Coming True with Job Corps

Before coming to Northlands, Joseph Hoopaugh had trouble staying afloat. He had graduated from Burlington High School but barely finished his senior year.

"I had to work more and more to help support my family and I was going to school less and less. I had to write a special essay to complete my last half of a credit."

Joe wanted to go to college, but with his grades in high school and not qualifying for financial aid it was not an option. He enlisted in the military but didn't work out either: he received a medical discharge during boot camp and was unable to continue. It was Joe's ambition to continue his education, so he enrolled in Job Corps.

"I had friends that finished their high school here, so I knew a little about it. I wanted to use Northlands as a step towards college. Once I got into it, I saw all of the additional options Job Corps had to offer." Joseph decided to enroll in the Health Occupations Trade. "I love interacting with people, and helping them, so this trade was a perfect choice for me" says Joe as he is preparing for the final test. He is testing for

his LNA license on September 8th and is scheduled to continue on to advanced training in New York at Cassadaga Job Corps to earn his LPN.



Joseph Hoopaugh

"I'm very close to my family, and the thought of advanced training makes me a little bit nervous, because it is far from home. However, I'm excited to be continuing my education and to be in a lockstep program again."

"My goal is to enroll in college once I'm done in advanced training and become an RN. I then want to join the military to gain experience and ultimately get into politics."

On September 23, 2009, Joe will have a unique opportunity to spend a day as an intern in the Office of Congressman Welch in Washington, DC. Joe is passionate about politics, so this comes as a dream come true: "This is a fantastic opportunity and I'm so excited to go there and learn about how the Office really works, what happens there, how things get done. So many people talk of our legislators, but I will actually have a chance to see for myself a day in Congressman's office. I will also tell them about Job Corps which is a great program for youth."

Green Northlands

Any season is great for green projects, but this summer with our dedicated students we really raised the bar! Fourteen new bat boxes were placed around the Northlands campus, deterring bats from entering the buildings. The Green Committee has been busy gathering donations to send seeds for organic food products to citizens of Belize. The Committee is also planning trips to the ECHO Center in Burlington and the Vermont Museum of Natural Science, where interested students can learn about the entire "going green" process and the benefits, both socially and environmentally.



Volunteering for Vergennes

Vergennes Day is a big event for our local community, and it has a long history. Twenty-five of our students volunteered August 29, 2009, to help the event run smoothly. Most of the students were helping with the run, redirecting traffic and helping the runners and walkers find their way. The students enjoyed this experience despite the rain, and felt very proud of their contribution.

Another volunteering project engaged several students in the Vergennes Park. The Information Booth needed some work: our Urban Forestry trimmed the



growth around it, and the Facilities



Maintenance students put their painting skills to work.

Growing Industry: Health Care

Health Occupations Program prepares students for different positions in the fastest growing industry today: health care.

The program involves some class work and some “clinical work” or real work experience in a hospital setting that is required for the State Licensed Nurses Assistant test.

Students learn basic medical terminology, infection control, basic anatomy and physiology, emergency procedures and common disorders by body system.

Training includes some of the such as admitting, transferring and discharging individuals, activities of daily living, intake, outtake and recording, vital signs and physical exam.

As many LNAs work in residential living facilities, our program prepares the students for dealing with mental illnesses, confusion, dementia and Alzheimer’s Disease.

Some general topics are also explored, such as promoting self-care, exercise and related caution, general safety, as well as communication and observation skills.

Special attention is dedicated to ethics, rights of individuals and health care provider’s responsibilities.

Health Occupations training can prepare students more specifically for a Home Health Aid, if that is the student’s career path of choice.

The training is comprehensive and complemented by up to 70 hours of work-based learning, or internship with some of the local partners of Northlands in the area of health care.

Advanced training options are also available, as well as transferring to college or programs for Registered Nurses.

The need for health care professionals is constantly rising, so Health Occupations Trade is a great career choice!



Students in Health Occupations Trade at Northlands Job Corps Academy earn their scrubs as they make progress in the trade.

First Responder Training

Sixteen Job Corps students have enrolled in First Responder training offered by the Vergennes Rescue Squad. Classes began on August 31st and run the month of September, with the final exam on September 26th. When completed, students will be certified in the State of Vermont to be part of an ambulance crew and serve as First Responders for this and other communities.

These students join other Vergennes community members in this training, which is the pilot for further, continuous training during the year for Northlands and our community.

Job Opportunities

During their training at Northlands, students are able to take internship positions with several local health care providers, practice their skills and learn from more experienced colleagues. Some of business partners who hire interns or graduates from Northlands Job Corps Academy include: The Arbors at Shelburne, Shelburne Bay, Our Lady Providence, Vergennes Residential, Shard Villa, Pillsbury Manor, Rutland Health and Rehabilitation, and Fletcher Allen Health Care.

Why Stop Here?

Pursuing further education within Job Corps is a fantastic way of boosting skills and knowledge, while still receiving all the services from our program FREE of charge. Our best students can attend additional and advanced training at other Job Corps Centers and Academies throughout the country. For graduates of our program in Health Occupations, the options include transferring to one of the following sites:

- ◆ Cassadaga, NY: Advanced training, LPN Program;
- ◆ Ramey, PR: Advanced training, LPN Program;
- ◆ Grafton, MAL Additional training in CAN Program, EKG, Medical Assistant, Phlebotomy;
- ◆ Exeter, RI: Additional training in EKG Technician, Medical Office Support, Medical Records Clerk, Medical Secretary, Phlebotomy.

Student News Flash

- ◆ A poem written by our student **Trudy Gordon** has been published in a special edition Anthology Series entitled Whispers - Collection of Short Work published by Green-Spring, a company promoting talented writers.
- ◆ 4 students signed up for the U.S. Military: **Allen Hetherington, Justin Pelletier, Ryan Koenig, and David Welch.**
- ◆ 2 students are going to Advanced Training in September: **Shane Bent and Tim Foote.**



Welcome to Our Special Events!

Community Challenge

September 23, 2009
10 AM - 4 PM

Free car wash, blood pressure measuring and cookies with a donation for the Vergennes Food Shelf! Our teams will be available on the City Green and on campus. Join this Community Challenge!

Community Relations Council

September 25, 2009
12 (noon) - 1 PM

Everyone is welcome! Share your ideas for projects where Northlands can get involved and help. Come to hear what is new at Northlands. Enjoy a fabulous meal prepared by Culinary Arts class.

45 Years of Job Corps...

Job Corps is the nations' largest and most successful program for education and career technical training of economically disadvantaged youth, ages 16-24.

It is administered by the U.S. Department of Labor, and operates through 123 Job Corps Centers and Academies located all over the country.

Education, training, housing, basic medical and dental insurance, driver's education, counseling, transition support and allowances are just some of the services Job Corps offers free of charge to qualifying youth.

More than 60,000 youth annually benefit from Job Corps program.

Every Job Corps operation offers career technical training in different trades. Interested candidates should contact 1-800-733-JOBS and talk to an Admissions Counselor.



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Northlands Job Corps Academy is located in the historic city of Vergennes, VT. It was opened 30 years ago!

For more information on our program, please visit our website <http://northlands.jobcorps.gov>